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[Part I] To the 8th Department.

In a conversation with SERGEJ[i] IMPERIALIST[ii] said:

1. The General Staff of the COUNTRY[STRANA][iii] has no doubt of the success of the invasion of Europe. Last week CARTHAGE[KARFAGEN][iv] assured EISENHOWER that there were sufficient trained reserves in the COUNTRY to ensure the reinforcement of the units taking part in the invasion. The ISLANDERS[OSTROVITYANE][v] have stopped objecting to the invasion. LUN''s[vi] deputy (henceforth "KAPRAL"[vii]) told IMPERIALIST that KABAN[viii] had agreed with the invasion plan proposed by the TOWNSMEN[GOROZHANE][ix]. In KAPRAL's words KABAN told him: "For a long time I could not agree to an operation of this kind. However, now despite [3 groups unrecovered]

[42 groups unrecoverable]

is sure that a break will ensue very soon. Concerning Rumania, Bulgaria and Hungary the BANK[x] supposes that they will break with Germany only after the development of decisive operations on the Western and Eastern Fronts.

Only in passing did IMPERIALIST touch upon European questions, saying that it was desirable to have a solution of the Soviet-Polish problem before the invasion: "In return for a change in the Polish Cabinet, MOSCOW ought to renounce L'VOV."

I. [xi] continues to consider the question of the participation of the USSR in the war against Japan a stumbling block in Soviet-American relations. The master of the DACHA[xii] told him that discussion of this question by the press was contrary to the interests of the COUNTRY. I. agrees with him but does not conceal that our future intentions in this matter are considered in responsible circles in the COUNTRY to be a deciding factor in the policy of the COUNTRY.

[Part II] According to IMPERIALIST's report the Americans, by the end of 1944, hope to seize the Philippines, Formosa, Singapore and

[180 groups unrecovered]
[10 groups unrecoverable]

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Comments:

- [i] SERGEJ: Vladimir Sergeevich PRAVDIN.
- [ii] IMPERIALIST: Walter LIPPMANN.
- [iii] STRANA: The U.S.A.
- [iv] KARFAGEN: WASHINGTON, D.C.
- [v] OSTROVITYANE: The British
- [vi] LUN': i.e. HEN HARRIER, Cordell HULL.
- [vii] KAPRAL: i.e. CORPORAL, Edward R. STETTINIUS, Jr.
- [viii] KABAN: i.e. BOAR, Winston CHURCHILL.
- [ix] GOROZHANE: The Americans.
- [x] BANK: The U. S. State Department
- [xi] I.: i.e. IMPERIALIST.
- [xii] DACHA: i.e. The COUNTRY HOUSE, the U. S. Embassy in MOSCOW.
- [xiii] MAJ: i.e. MAY, Stepan APRESYAN.

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